

Patricia Jursik **Update**

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and General Services

Transportation, Public Works, and Transit

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A SALES TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND FUND NEEDED SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE?

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Parks, Transit & Paramedics Funding; Property Tax Relief

The County Board passed a non-binding, advisory referendum question to ask voters whether they would approve a 1% sales tax to pay for parks, recreation and culture; transit; and emergency medical services (EMS). This would provide property tax relief by removing \$67 million from the property tax levy. It would also provide additional money to purchase buses (currently we have depleted our bus replacement program) and to care for our deteriorating parks, which have also faced cuts over the last 5 to 7 years.

It is estimated that an owner of a home valued at \$150,000 would save about \$165 on the property tax bill. A 1% increase in purchases subject to the sales tax would also collect revenue from visitors who enjoy Milwaukee County's amenities. While I would have preferred asking the question in a different way with perhaps a ½ cent hike, I voted yes on the question to give constituents an opportunity to indicate whether they want parks and transit preserved by taking these systems off the property tax levy and paying through a dedicated sales tax. It is my pledge to educate voters on the referendum question before the November 4 election. I will honor the will of the voters. It must be made clear that if we choose to say No, the Board will need to make deep cuts in both transit and parks spending.

Naturalization Ceremony in Cudahy

The Cudahy Historical Society, in partnership with community leaders, is proudly hosting a Naturalization Ceremony on July 10th and inviting members of the community to attend:

Naturalization Ceremony 10:00 A.M., Thursday July 10, 2008 Immigrant Family Park (south of the Cudahy Depot) 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110 Accessible via Milwaukee County's Route 15/Plankinton Bus

I will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Federal Judge Rudolph Randa will administer the Oath of Citizenship, facilitated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Proceedings will include the National Anthem, a color guard, and remarks by Cudahy Mayor Ryan McCue and Historical Society President Cherri Nadolny.

The program provides a chance for all to reflect on the responsibilities of citizenship as well as the importance of immigration, past and present, in our community.

Naturalization proceedings normally occur within the Federal Building, but Congresswoman Gwen Moore worked to make this experience in Cudahy possible.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION OF OUR AIRPORT?

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Airport

Our publicly operated airport continues to successfully serve Milwaukee County residents and visitors. General Mitchell International Airport has seen growth in its passenger numbers. It is a profitable operation that uses no property tax dollars and funds security that benefits the entire area.

The County Executive's proposal to privatize Mitchell to save transit would be a long process that would not expediently address the major deficits facing our transit system.

We can all agree that management of our Airport must be accountable to Milwaukee County's residents, prioritize safety and security, and work fairly with labor and industry partners involved. I will focus on these essential goals as I consider any proposal that the County Executive may submit to this policymaking body.

Public Safety in Our Parks

Kudos to Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputy Patrols and the Parks Rangers for maintaining safety in our parks, including Sheridan, Warnimont & Grant. Their presence as well as that of residents will keep our parks active.

The **Parks Rangers** assist the public, promote safety and utilization of the parks, and help Friends and neighborhood groups in coordinating Park Watch Programs. You may contact them at **257-8082** and **257-4892**.

The **Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit** also works with residents and park users to enhance safety. Deputy Suszek, **426-4368**, can address local parks concerns.

Community Calendar

Friday, July 4 – Community Festivities:

OAK CREEK – **9am** Parade starts at Groveland & Shepherd Av by Edgewood School. Ends at East Middle School.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE – at Brown Pavilion, Picnic Areas 5&6, Grant Park

10am Call to Colors

10:10am Kids Bike/Coaster Decoration

11am Kids Races, Games & Penny Scramble followed by Free Ice Cream & Caramel Corn for All Kids

9:30pm Spectacular Fireworks Display

Food served by South Milwaukee Association of Commerce

Refreshments served by the Old Fashioned Christmas Committee

ST. FRANCIS -10:00am Parade starts at Barland & Norwich, continues to Denton, Packard, and Lunham. Ends at Milton Vretenar Park with free ice cream. Free events and activities throughout the day.

9:15 pm Fireworks

Please leave grills and coolers at home and support the activity by buying beverages and food available throughout the park.

To volunteer, please contact Alderperson Sue Bostedt (313-1084).

CUDAHY – **Noon** Parade commences at Grange & Packard, continuing to Layton Av. Ends at Sheridan Park & Lake Dr. Beverages for sale. Lions Club will provide food.

1:45pm Ceremony, poms & cheerleading at Main Stage in Sheridan Park

2:30pm Children's games

3:30pm Jim Boren & the JBO (polka music) in Sheridan Park

7-9pm Six Pack (rock music) in Sheridan Park

9:20pm Fireworks display

Monday, July 7th – 2:30-7:30pm Blood Drive

At South Shore YMCA, 3244 E. College Av. For information/appointments: 766-5511.

Wednesday, July 9 – 7-9pm Oak Creek Concert Pat McCurdy www.oakcreekwi.org/main_page_topics/current_events.htm

Wednesday, July 9 – 7-9:30pm St. Francis Concert The Tom Anthony Group Proceeds from concession sales support entertainment. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis www.stfrancisdays.org 481-2300

Thursday, July 10 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 E. Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee.

Friday, July 11 – 6-8:30pm Grant Park Fish Fry Concert Kerry McConaway & The Element (country). At Grant Park Clubhouse, South Milwaukee. www.mycommunitynow.com/story/index.aspx?id=756622

Tuesday, July 15 – 10:30am Free Tai Chi Demonstration

At Chapel, Franciscan Villa, 1000 Williams Av., South Milwaukee. Registration: Candy Doyle at 414-570-5384 or candydoyle@catholichealth.net

Thursday, July 17 – 6:30-8:30pm Concert Steve Cohen with Greg Koch (jazz) At Grant Picnic Pavilion, Area #5. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks

Friday, July 18 – 5:30-8:30pm Live Mariachi Music At Azteca restaurant 9th & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee. Reservations recommended: 766-0450

Saturday, July 19 - South Milwaukee Heritage Days 5K Walk/Run

6:30am registration. **8am** race begins. \$10 registration before July 17, \$15 race day. Event starts at South Milwaukee High School. Registration forms available at South Milwaukee City Hall. Information: 764-2290, 762-4352 www.southmilwaukee.org/heritage

Saturday, July 19 –1 to 10 p.m. Lakefront to Lakefront Bike Ride & Bike Swap Ride from Lakefront Brewery (1872 N. Commerce St., Milwaukee) to Bradford Beach. www.bradfordbeachjam.com/schedule.htm

July 21-27: Heritage Days events www.ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us/heritage-days-activities.htm

Monday, July 21 – 6:30pm Friends of Cudahy Park Meeting

At Cudahy Park Pavilion, 3000 E. Ramsey Av, Cudahy.

Tuesday, July 22 – 4-7pm St. Luke's Ice Cream Social, 7pm Municipal Band Concert At 2200 18th Av.

Wednesday, July 23 – 7-9pm Oak Creek Concert Vic Ferrari

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Wednesday, July 9 – 7-9:30pm St. Francis Concert Crossfire

Proceeds from concession sales support entertainment. At Milton Vretenar Park, 4224 S. Kirkwood Av, St. Francis www.stfrancisdays.org 481-2300

Wednesday, July 23 – 4:30-8pm Spaghetti Dinner at the Firehouse

At the Firehouse, 929 Marshall Ct. (near 10th St. & Marquette Av.), South Milwaukee www.southmilwaukeefd.org/welcome.htm

Thursday, July 24 – 4-9pm Evening on the Avenue

Music, Entertainment, Children's Activities, Food, Community Vendors and Resources. Raffle to Benefit Human Concerns. At 10th St. & Milwaukee Av., South Milwaukee

Friday-Sunday, July 25-27: Bradford Beach Jam Sports and Music Festival

Volleyball, soccer, rugby, dodgeball, wrestling, wind surfing, BMX, skate, freestyle motocross, disc golf, live music Friday and Saturday afternoon/evenings, Sunday afternoon. Four-person beach volleyball event feature former AVP Pro players on Sunday. At 2400 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. www.bradfordbeachjam.com/schedule.htm

Friday-Sunday, July 25-27 – South Milwaukee Lions Fest

16th St. & Rawson Av., South Milwaukee www.wilions.org/southmilwaukee/lionsfes.htm

Saturday, July 26 - 11am Heritage Days Parade

Milwaukee Av. from 9th to 16th St.

Saturday, July 26 – Spectacle City Drum & Bugle Corp Show

5:30 Open. 7 pm Show. Purchase tickets www.spectaclecity.com/index.html until July 12 or at Parkway Floral or Johnny Mo's. At Cudahy High School Football Stadium.

Saturday, July 26 – 1:30-3pm Franciscan Villa Garden Walk

Two UW-Extension master gardeners will showcase their garden creation. www.southmilwaukeenow.com/story/index.aspx?id=755918 Registration: 570-5384

Tuesday, July 29 – 7pm Airport Noise Advisory Committee

At the Sijan Room, General Mitchell International Airport.

Wednesday, July 30 – 6-9pm Sunset Safari with music by The Pink Flamingoes

Enjoy reduced admission and music. A visit to the stingrays and sharks touch pools costs an additional \$2. Information: www.milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Mark Your Calendars: Ride the Bus Mondays in August

District 8 Pools

Grobschmidt Pool 2600 16th Ave., 762-9523 **Sheridan Pool** 4800 S. Lake Drive, 747-9491

Mon.-Thurs.: Noon-4:30 p.m., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fri., Sat., Sun./Holidays: Noon-6 p.m.

Summer-Season Outdoor Pool Passes available at Sheridan for \$15 (Age 12+) or \$10 (Age 11 and under) for use at most pools. Please see www.milwaukee.gov/OutdoorPools9147.htm for details & all rates